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Agricultural Graduates
Singh Shri Brijbhushan Sharan

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Universities in the country where Agriculture is included as a subject at graduate level along with the name of the Universities where there is a provision of post graduation degree in Agriculture;

(b) the number of agricultural graduates pass out every year from the said Universities;

(c) the details of the students who are working in department related to agriculture after taking their degrees in agriculture;

(d) the main points emphasised in the drafts sanctioned by the Government for complete overhaul in Agricultural education;

(e) the time by which new curriculum related to agriculture is likely to be started;

(f) whether there is provision of graduation degree in the new curriculum; and

(g) whether the Government has emphasized to encourage start up schemes in the new curriculum also and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) (i) List of 71 Agricultural Universities including State Agricultural Universities/Central Agricultural Universities/Deemed−to-be-Universities/Central Universities with agricultural faculty, State wise and including Agriculture as subject at graduate level is annexed (Annexure −I)

(ii) List of 73 Agricultural Universities including State Agricultural Universities/Central Agricultural Universities/Deemed-to-be Universities/Central Universities with agricultural faculty, State wise and including Agriculture as subject at post graduation level is annexed (Annexure −II).

(b) Number of Agricultural Graduates pass out from the said Universities during the last 4 years is as under:

2012	2013	2014	2015
15902	16786	17176	17741

(c) Information is not available, since Agriculture is subject matter of State concerned. All activities related to Agriculture Research, Education & Extension is being administrated by States. Only quality assurance for Agriculture education is with Central Government.

(d) For maintaining and upgrading quality and relevance of higher agricultural education, a centrally sponsored plan scheme "Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India", is being implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The scheme strives to plan, undertake, aid, promote and coordinate agricultural education in the country with an aim to enhance the quality and relevance of higher agricultural education to address the emerging challenges in the agriculture sector for which catalytic financial support is provided to agricultural universities (AUs).

The approach is multipronged, addressing the issues of improving infrastructure and providing amenities, competence enhancement of faculty, attracting talented youth to agriculture education, curriculum and delivery mechanism, improving quality of post graduate research, encouraging holistic development of students, Niche area of Excellence for education, research and capacity building in challenging areas, making higher agricultural education relevant and responsive and to bring in entrepreneurship and skills to enable graduates to take up their own enterprises as job providers.

(e) Academic Session 2016-17.

(f) Yes, Madam.

(g) No, Madam.
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